JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

The one hundred and ninety-second General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday of January, being the sixth day of the year two thousand twenty-one and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

General Court convened.

The following-named members-elect of the House of Representatives, having been duly summoned by the Executive, assembled in the Representatives' Chamber and were called to order at sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, by Representative-elect Kevin G. Honan of Boston (member of the House from 1987 2020, inclusive) the oldest senior member-elect, to wit:—

House called to order.

Arciero, James Ashe, Brian M. Ayers, Bruce J. Balser, Ruth B. Barber, Christine P. Barrett, John, III Barrows, F. Jay

Berthiaume, Donald R., Jr. Biele, David

Blais, Natalie M.
Boldyga, Nicholas A.
Cabral, Antonio F. D.
Cahill, Daniel
Campbell, Linda Dean
Capano, Peter
Carey, Daniel R.
Cassidy, Gerard J.
Chan, Tackey
Ciccolo, Michelle L.
Connolly, Mike
Consalvo, Rob

Coppinger, Edward F.
Cronin, Claire D.
Cusack, Mark J.
Cutler, Josh S.
Day, Michael S.
Decker, Marjorie C.
DeCoste, David F.
D'Emilia, Angelo L.
Devers, Marcos A.
Diggs, Kip A.

Domb, Mindy Donahue, Daniel M. Donato, Paul J. Dooley, Shawn

Doherty, Carol A.

Driscoll, William J., Jr.

DuBois, Michelle M. Duffy, Patricia A. Durant, Peter J. Dykema, Carolyn C. Ehrlich, Lori A. Elugardo, Nika C. Farley-Bouvier, Tricia Ferguson, Kimberly N. Fernandes, Dylan A. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret Finn, Michael J. Fiola, Carole A. Fluker Oakley, Brandy

Frost, Paul K.
Galvin, William C.
Garballey, Sean
Garlick, Denise C.
Garry, Colleen M.
Gentile, Carmine Lawrence

Giannino, Jessica Ann

Gifford, Susan Williams Golden, Thomas A., Jr. González, Carlos Gordon, Kenneth I. Gouveia, Tami L. Gregioire, Danielle W. Haddad, Patricia A. Haggerty, Richard M. Harrington, Sheila C. Hawkins, James K. Hendricks, Christopher Higgins, Natalie M. Hill, Bradford Hogan, Kate Holmes, Russell E. Honan, Kevin G. Howard, Vanna Howitt, Steven S. Hunt, Daniel J.

Kearney, Patrick Joseph Keefe, Mary S. Kelcourse, James M.

Jones, Bradley H., Jr. Kane, Hannah

Kelcourse, James M Kerans, Sally P. Khan, Kay Kilcoyne, Meghan Kushmerek, Michael LaNatra, Kathleen R. Lawn, John J., Jr.

LeBoeuf, David Henry Argosky

Lewis, Jack Patrick Linsky, David Paul Lipper-Garabedian, Kate Livingstone, Jay D. Lombardo, Marc T.

Madaro, Adrian C. Mahoney, John J. Malia, Elizabeth A. Mariano, Ronald Mark, Paul W.

Markey, Christopher M. McGonagle, Joseph W., Jr. McKenna, Joseph D. McMurtry, Paul Meschino, Joan

Michlewitz, Aaron Minicucci, Christina A. Miranda, Liz Mirra, Lenny Mom, Rady Moran, Frank A. Moran, Michael J. Muradian, David K., Jr. Muratore, Mathew J. Murphy, James M.

Orrall, Norman J. Owens, Steven Parisella, Jerald A. Peake, Sarah K.

Pease, Kelly W.

Murray, Brian W.

Nguyen, Tram T.

O'Day, James J.

Oliveira, Jacob R.

Peisch, Alice Hanlon Philips, Edward R. Pignatelli, Smitty Puppolo, Angelo J., Jr. Ramos, Orlando Robertson, David Allen Robinson, Maria Duaime

Rogers, David M.
Rogers, John H.
Roy, Jeffrey N.
Ryan, Daniel J.
Sabadosa, Lindsay N.
Santiago, Jon
Scanlon, Adam J.
Schmid, Paul A., III

Sena, Danillo A.
Silvia, Alan
Smola, Todd M.
Soter, Michael J.
Stanley, Thomas M.
Straus, William M.
Sullivan, Alyson M.
Tucker, Paul F.
Tyler, Chynah
Ultrino, Steven

Uyterhoeven, Erika Vargas, Andres X. Vieira, David T. Vitolo, Tommy Wagner, Joseph F. Walsh, Thomas P. Whelan, Timothy R. Whipps, Susannah M. Williams, Bud L.

Wong, Donald H. Xiarhos, Steven George Zlotnik, Jonathan D.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Honan), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Remarks of Dean Honan.

Representative-elect Honan then addressed the House with welcoming remarks; and subsequently, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the remarks were spread upon records of the House, as follows:—

It is an honor to welcome you all here to the 192nd Session of the Massachusetts General Court, and I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Sixty years ago, this week, John F. Kennedy came to the State House before heading to Washington to become the leader of the free world, and to take what he referred to as "that high and lonely office."

In his speech that day – which many call the "City on a Hill Speech" – the President-elect spoke of Massachusetts – his home, and his words remain true still today, "Its leaders have shaped our destiny long before the great Republic was born. Its principles have guided our footsteps in times of crisis as well as in times of calm. Its democratic institutions – including this historic body – have served as beacon lights for other nations as well as our sister states."

Remarks of Dean Honan.

Today, as we begin our work anew here in Boston – with a new Administration coming together in Washington around a country divided and struggling over racial injustice, economic insecurity and the health crisis of our lifetime – the Commonwealth and the country need that "City on a Hill" and all of us – more than ever.

And while this year is quite different from sessions past – this is still a significant day. To the newest members of this esteemed body – congratulations and welcome.

As you enter the building and this historic chamber every day, always remember the path that brought you here – the people and places we all represent. As we all know, campaigns tend to build "families" which encompass our real families, friends – new and old, neighbors, volunteers of all kinds – I can attest that campaign families stay around for many, many years. And we are blessed by that.

In the State House today, you join yet another family – one of unparalleled camaraderie and friendship, characterized by mutual respect and collaboration – regardless of party affiliation. Here, you will spend long days and nights working tirelessly for your constituents and the Commonwealth. For me, it has been the greatest honor of my life and I hope it will be for you as well.

As State Representatives, we are the closest part of government to the people of our Commonwealth – the framers of our historic state constitution made it so. Being here to serve means being here to help. So, when the calls for help come from our constituents – we must always answer and endeavor to bring hope where there is despair and light where there is shadow. There is no greater responsibility we share.

On this fortunate journey of public service, we are joined by so many who help along the way. Thank you to all the dedicated staff that keep this building running — the House Clerk, the court officers, the park rangers, and all the legislative aides and committee staff. You are collectively the heartbeat of this great building and its mission, and we are grateful for your partnership.

To all of you – our new members and our long-serving members, your families and friends, and to everyone who helped you on your path to this office, congratulations and welcome to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Special Communication.

The following communication, together with the returns of the votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

January 6, 2021.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the third day of November, 2020 for Representatives in the General Court in the several districts, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Commonwealth,—returns of votes.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The communication was read.

Whereupon, On motion of Mr. Moran of Boston,—

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Representatives in the several Representative Districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a special committee, to consist of three members.

Representatives Moran of Boston, Peake of Provincetown and Jones of North Reading were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Mr. Moran, for said special committee, submitted a report thereon that the following named persons had been duly elected, to wit:—

LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 — 2022.

D — Democrat. R — Republican.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

District 1 — Timothy R. Whelan (R) of Brewster — Barnstable: *Precinct 1*; Brewster: *Precincts 1*, 2; Dennis; Yarmouth: *Precincts 1*, 2, 3, 4, 7.

District 2 — Kip Diggs (D) of Barnstable — Barnstable: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13*; Yarmouth: *Precincts 5, 6.*

District 3 — David T. Vieira (R) of Falmouth — Bourne: *Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6*; Falmouth: *Precincts 3, 4, 7, 8, 9*; Mashpee.

District 4 — Sarah K. Peake (D) of Provincetown — Brewster: *Precinct 3;* Chatham; Eastham; Harwich; Orleans; Provincetown; Truro; Wellfleet.

District 5 — Steven George Xiarhos (R) of Barnstable — Barnstable: *Precincts 11, 12*; Bourne: *Precincts 1, 2, 7*; Sandwich; Plymouth: *Precinct 9 (Plymouth)*.

BARNSTABLE, DUKES AND NANTUCKET COUNTIES.

Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket — Dylan A. Fernandes (D) of Falmouth — Falmouth: *Precincts 1, 2, 5, 6 (Barnstable Co.)*; Chilmark (*Dukes Co.*); Edgartown (*Dukes Co.*); Aquinnah (*Dukes Co.*); Gosnold (*Dukes Co.*); Oak Bluffs (*Dukes Co.*); Tisbury (*Dukes Co.*); West Tisbury (*Dukes Co.*); Nantucket (*Nantucket Co.*).

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

District 1 — John Barrett, III (D) of North Adams — Adams; Cheshire; Clarksburg; Florida; Hancock; Lanesborough; New Ashford; North Adams; Williamstown.

District 2 — Paul W. Mark (D) of Peru — Dalton; Hinsdale; Peru; Pittsfield: Ward 1: Precinct B; Savoy; Windsor; Bernardston (Franklin Co.); Charlemont (Franklin Co.); Colrain (Franklin Co.);

Greenfield (Franklin Co.); Hawley (Franklin Co.); Heath (Franklin Co.); Leyden (Franklin Co.); Monroe (Franklin Co.); Northfield (Franklin Co.); Rowe (Franklin Co.).

District 3 — Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D) of Pittsfield — Pittsfield: Ward 1: Precinct A, Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

District 4 — Smitty Pignatelli (D) of Lenox — Alford; Becket; Egremont; Great Barrington; Lee; Lenox; Monterey; Mount Washington; New Marlborough; Otis; Richmond; Sandisfield; Sheffield; Stockbridge; Tyringham; Washington; West Stockbridge; Blandford (Hampden Co.); Russell (Hampden Co.); Tolland (Hampden Co.).

BRISTOL COUNTY.

District 1 — F. Jay Barrows (R) of Mansfield — Mansfield: *Precincts 2, 3, 6*; Norton: *Precincts 3, 4, 5*; Foxborough (*Norfolk Co.*).

District 2 — James K. Hawkins (D) of Attleboro — Attleboro: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct A, Wards 4, 5, 6.

District 3 — Carol A. Doherty (D) of Taunton — Easton: *Precinct 6*; Taunton: *Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct A, Wards 5, 7, 8*.

District 4 — Steven S. Howitt (R) of Seekonk — Norton: *Precincts 1, 2*; Rehoboth; Seekonk; Swansea: *Precincts 4, 5*.

District 5 — Patricia A. Haddad (D) of Somerset — Dighton; Somerset; Swansea: *Precincts 1*, 2, 3; Taunton: *Ward 6*.

District 6 — Carole A. Fiola (D) of Fall River — Fall River: Ward 5: Precincts B, C, Ward 6: Precincts C, Wards 7, 8, 9; Freetown: Precinct 1.

District 7 — Alan Silvia (D) of Fall River — Fall River: Ward 1: Precincts B, C, Wards 2, 3, 4, Ward 5: Precinct A.

District 8 — Paul A. Schmid, III (D) of Westport — Fall River: Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 6: Precincts A, B; Freetown: Precincts 2, 3; New Bedford: Ward 1, Precincts D, E, F; Westport.

District 9 — Christopher M. Markey (D) of Dartmouth — Dartmouth; New Bedford: Ward 3: Precincts D, E, F.

District 10 — William M. Straus (D) of Mattapoisett — Fairhaven; New Bedford: Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4: Precincts D, E; Marion (Plymouth Co.); Mattapoisett (Plymouth Co.); Rochester (Plymouth Co.).

District 11 — Christopher Hendricks (D) of New Bedford — Acushnet; New Bedford: Ward 1: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts B, C.

District 12 — Norman J. Orrall (R) of Lakeville — Berkley; Taunton: Ward 3: Precinct B, Ward 4; Lakeville (Plymouth Co.); Middleborough: Precincts 2, 4, 5 (Plymouth Co.).

District 13 — Antonio F. D. Cabral (D) of New Bedford — New Bedford: Ward 4: Precincts A, B, C, F, Wards 5, 6.

District 14 — Adam J. Scanlon (D) of North Attleborough — Attleboro: Ward 3: Precinct B; Mansfield: Precincts 1, 5; North Attleborough.

ESSEX COUNTY.

District 1 — James M. Kelcourse (R) of Amesbury — Amesbury; Newburyport; Salisbury.

District 2 — Lenny Mirra (R) of Georgetown — Boxford: *Precincts 2, 3*; Georgetown; Groveland; Haverhill: *Ward 4: Precinct 3, Ward 7: Precinct 3*; Merrimac; Newbury; West Newbury.

District 3 — Andres X. Vargas (D) of Haverhill — Haverhill: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6.

District 4 — Bradford Hill (R) of Ipswich — Hamilton; Ipswich; Manchester-by-the-Sea; Rowley; Topsfield; Wenham.

District 5 — Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D) Gloucester — Essex; Gloucester; Rockport.

District 6 — Jerald A. Parisella (D) of Beverly — Beverly.

District 7 — Paul F. Tucker (D) of Salem — Salem.

District 8 — Lori A. Ehrlich (D) of Marblehead — Lynn: Ward 3: Precinct 4, Ward 4: Precinct 4; Marblehead; Swampscott.

District 9 — Donald H. Wong (R) of Saugus — Lynn: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2; Saugus: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Wakefield: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 7 (Middlesex Co.).

District 10 — Daniel Cahill (D) of Lynn — Lynn: Ward 1: Precincts 3, 4, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 3.

District 11 — Peter Capano (D) of Lynn — Lynn: Ward 4: Precinct 3, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 4, Wards 6, 7; Nahant.

District 12 — Thomas P. Walsh (D) of Peabody — Peabody: Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3.

District 13 — Sally P. Kerans (D) of Danvers — Danvers; Middleton: *Precinct* 2; Peabody: *Ward* 5: *Precinct* 2, *Ward* 6.

District 14 — Christina A. Minicucci (D) of North Andover — Haverhill: Ward 7: Precinct 2; Lawrence: Ward A: Precincts 1, 3, Ward F: Precinct 1; Methuen: Precincts 3, 7, 10; North Andover: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

District 15 — Linda Dean Campbell (D) of Methuen — Haverhill: Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 1; Methuen: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12.

District 16 — Marcos A. Devers (D) of Lawrence — Lawrence: Ward A: Precincts 2, 4, Ward B, Ward C: Precinct 4, Ward E: Precincts 2, 3, 4, Ward F: Precinct 2, 3, 4.

District 17 — Frank A. Moran (D) of Lawrence — Andover: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; Lawrence: *Ward C, Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward D, Ward E, Precinct 1*; Methuen: *Precinct 2.*

District 18 — Tram T. Nguyen (D) of Andover — Andover: *Precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*; Boxford: *Precinct 1*; North Andover: *Precincts 6, 7, 8*; Tewksbury: *Precincts 3, 3A* (Middlesex County).

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

District 1 — Natalie M. Blais (D) of Sunderland — Ashfield; Buckland; Conway; Deerfield; Leverett; Montague; Shelburne; Shutesbury; Sunderland; Whately; Chester (Hampden Co.); Chesterfield (Hampshire Co.); Cummington (Hampshire Co.); Goshen (Hampshire Co.); Huntington (Hampshire Co.); Middlefield (Hampshire Co.); Plainfield (Hampshire Co.); Williamsburg (Hampshire Co.); Worthington (Hampshire Co.).

District 2 — Susannah M. Whipps (U) of Athol — Erving; Gill; New Salem; Orange; Warwick; Wendell; Belchertown: *Precinct A (Hampshire Co.)*; Athol (*Worcester Co.*); Petersham (*Worcester Co.*); Phillipston (*Worcester Co.*); Royalson (*Worcester Co.*); Templeton (*Worcester Co.*).

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

- District 1 Todd M. Smola (R) of Warren Brimfield; Holland; Palmer; Wales; Ware: *Precincts B, C (Hampshire Co.)*; Sturbridge (*Worcester Co.*); Warren (*Worcester Co.*).
- District 2 Brian M. Ashe (D) of Longmeadow East Longmeadow: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; Hampden; Longmeadow; Monson.
- District 3 Nicholas A. Boldyga (R) of Southwick Agawam; Granville; Southwick.
- District 4 Kelly W. Pease (R) of Westfield Westfield.
- District 5 Patricia A. Duffy (D) of Holyoke Holyoke.
- District 6 Michael J. Finn (D) of West Springfield Chicopee: Ward 2: Precinct A, Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4: Precinct A; Springfield: Ward 2: Precinct E; West Springfield.
- District 7 Jacob R. Oliveira (D) of Ludlow Chicopee: Ward 6: Precinct B; Ludlow; Springfield: Ward 8: Precincts E, F, G; Belchertown: Precincts B, C, D (Hampshire Co.).
- District 8 Joseph F. Wagner (D) of Chicopee Chicopee: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct B, Ward 3: Precinct B, Ward 4: Precinct B, Ward 5: Precinct B, Ward 6: Precinct A, Wards 7, 8, 9.
- District 9 Orlando Ramos (D) of Springfield Chicopee: Ward 5: Precinct A; Springfield: Ward 2: Precincts A, B, C, D, F, G, Ward 5: Precincts C, D, G, H, Ward 7: Precincts F, H, Ward 8: Precincts A, B, D, H.
- District 10 Carlos González (D) of Springfield Springfield: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, Ward 6: Precincts A, B, F.
- District 11 Bud L. Williams (D) of Springfield Springfield: Ward 2: Precinct H, Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts A, B, E, F, Ward 6: Precinct E, Ward 7: Precinct A, Ward 8: Precinct C.
- District 12 Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (D) of Springfield East Longmeadow: *Precinct 1*; Springfield: *Ward 6: Precincts C, D, G, H, Ward 7: Precincts B, C, D, E, G*; Wilbraham.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

- District 1 Lindsay N. Sabadosa (D) of Northampton Hatfield; Northampton; Southampton; Westhampton; Montgomery ($Hampden\ Co.$).
- District 2 Daniel R. Carey (D) of Easthampton Easthampton; Granby: *Precinct 2*; Hadley; South Hadley.
- District 3 Mindy Domb (D) of Amherst Amherst; Granby: Precinct 1; Pelham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

- District 1 Sheila C. Harrington (R) of Groton Ayer: *Precinct 1*; Ashby; Dunstable; Groton; Pepperell; Townsend.
- District 2 James Arciero (D) of Westford Chelmsford: Precincts 5, 7, 8; Littleton; Westford.
- District 3 Kate Hogan (D) of Stow Hudson; Maynard; Stow; Bolton (Worcester Co.).
- District 4 Danielle W. Gregoire (D) of Marlborough Marlborough: Ward 2: Precinct 1, Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, Ward 7: Precinct 2; Northborough: Precincts 1, 3 (Worcester Co.); Westborough: Precincts 1, 3 (Worcester Co.).
- District 5 David Paul Linsky (D) of Natick Natick; Sherborn; Millis: *Precincts 2, 3 (Norfolk Co.)*.

- District 6 Maria Duaime Robinson (D) of Framingham Framingham: *Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15.*
- District 7 Jack Patrick Lewis (D) of Framingham Ashland; Framingham: *Precincts 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18*.
- District 8 Carolyn C. Dykema (D) of Holliston Holliston; Hopkinton; Southborough (Worcester Co.); Westborough: Precinct 2 (Worcester Co.).
- District 9 Thomas M. Stanley (D) of Waltham Lincoln; Waltham: Wards 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precinct 1, Ward 7: Precinct 1.
- District 10 John J. Lawn, Jr. (D) of Watertown Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 4; Waltham: Ward 4: Precinct 2, Ward 5: Precinct 1, Ward 6: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Wards 8, 9; Watertown: Precincts 10, 11, 12.
- District 11 Kay Khan (D) of Newton Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 2, 3, 4, Ward 7: Precinct 2.
- District 12 Ruth B. Balser (D) of Newton Newton: Wards 5, 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 3, 4, Ward 8.
- District 13 Carmine Lawrence Gentile (D) of Sudbury Framingham: *Precinct 3*; Marlborough: *Ward 1*, *Ward 2*: *Precinct 2*, *Ward 7*: *Precinct 1*; Sudbury; Wayland: *Precincts 1*, 2, 3.
- District 14 Tami L. Gouveia (D) of Acton Acton: *Precincts 1, 2, 6*; Carlisle; Chelmsford: *Precincts 1, 9*; Concord.
- District 15 Michelle L. Ciccolo (D) of Lexington Lexington; Woburn: Wards 1, 7.
- District 16 Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D) of Lowell Chelmsford: *Precincts 2, 3, 6*; Lowell: *Wards 5, 6, 9*.
- District 17 Vanna Howard (D) of Lowell Chelmsford: Precinct 4; Lowell: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 10, 11.
- District 18 Rady Mom (D) of Lowell Lowell: Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 3, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Wards 7, 8.
- District 19 David Allen Robertson (D) of Tewksbury Tewksbury: *Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A*; Wilmington: *Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6*.
- District 20 Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R) of North Reading North Reading; Reading: *Precincts 1*, 6, 7, 8; Lynnfield (Essex Co.); Middleton: Precinct 1 (Essex Co.).
- District 21 Kenneth I. Gordon (D) of Bedford Bedford; Burlington; Wilmington: Precinct 3.
- District 22 —Marc T. Lombardo (R) of Billerica Billerica.
- District 23 Sean Garballey (D) of Arlington Arlington: *Precincts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21*; Medford: *Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2.*
- District 24 David M. Rogers (D) of Cambridge Arlington: *Precincts 2, 4, 8, 10, 12*; Belmont; Cambridge: *Ward 11: Precincts 1, 3.*
- District 25 Marjorie C. Decker (D) of Cambridge Cambridge: Ward 4, Ward 6: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 7, 8, Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2.
- District 26 Mike Connolly (D) of Cambridge Cambridge: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 1, Ward 3, Ward 6: Precinct 1; Somerville: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 1.

- District 27 Erika Uyterhoeven (D) of Somerville Somerville: Ward 2: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 3, 5, 6.
- District 28 Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. (D) of Everett Everett.
- District 29 Steven Owens (D) of Watertown Cambridge: Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 3, Ward 11: Precinct 2; Watertown: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
- District 30 Richard M. Haggerty (D) of Woburn Reading: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5*; Woburn: *Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*.
- District 31 Michael S. Day (D) of Stoneham Stoneham; Winchester.
- District 32 Kate Lipper-Garabedian (D) of Melrose Malden: Ward 5: Precinct 2; Melrose; Wakefield: Precincts 4, 5, 6.
- District 33 Steven Ultrino (D) of Malden Malden: Ward 2, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 1, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Ward 8.
- District 34 Christine P. Barber (D) of Somerville Medford: Wards 4, 5, Ward 7: Precinct 1, Ward 8: Precinct 2; Somerville: Wards 4, 7.
- District 35 Paul J. Donato (D) of Medford Malden: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 1; Medford: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Ward 8: Precinct 1.
- District 36 Colleen M. Garry (D) of Dracut Dracut; Tyngsborough.
- District 37 Danillo A. Sena (D) Acton Acton: *Precincts 3, 4, 5*; Ayer: *Precinct 2*; Boxborough; Shirley; Harvard (*Worcester Co.*); Lunenburg: *Precincts A, C, D* (*Worcester Co.*).

NORFOLK COUNTY.

- District 1 Bruce J. Ayers (D) of Quincy Quincy: Ward 3: Precincts 4, 5, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 6; Randolph: Precincts 5, 6, 11, 12.
- District 2 Tackey Chan (D) of Quincy Quincy: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5.
- District 3 Ronald Mariano (D) of Quincy Holbrook: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; Quincy: *Ward 2, Ward 4: Precinct 5*; Weymouth: *Precincts 5, 6, 9, 12, 16*.
- District 4 James M. Murphy (D) of Weymouth Weymouth: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18; Hingham: Precinct 2 (Plymouth Co.).
- District 5 Mark J. Cusack (D) of Braintree Braintree; Holbrook: *Precinct 1*; Randolph: *Precinct 4*.
- District 6 William C. Galvin (D) of Canton Avon; Canton; Stoughton: Precincts 1, 5, 7, 8.
- District 7 William J. Driscoll, Jr. (D) of Milton Milton: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Randolph: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10.
- District 8 Edward R. Philips (D) of Sharon Sharon; Stoughton: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6*; Walpole: *Precincts 3, 4*; Mansfield: *Precinct 4 (Bristol Co.)*.
- District 9 Shawn Dooley (R) of Norfolk Medfield: *Precincts 3, 4*; Millis: *Precinct 1*; Norfolk; Plainville; Walpole: *Precinct 5*; Wrentham.
- District 10 Jeffrey N. Roy (D) of Franklin Franklin; Medway: Precincts 2, 3, 4.
- District 11 Paul McMurtry (D) of Dedham Dedham; Walpole: Precinct 8; Westwood.

- District 12 John H. Rogers (D) of Norwood Norwood; Walpole: Precincts 1, 2, 6, 7.
- District 13 Denise C. Garlick (D) of Needham Dover; Medfield: Precincts 1, 2; Needham.
- District 14 Alice Hanlon Peisch (D) of Wellesley Wellesley; Wayland: *Precinct 4 (Middlesex Co.)*; Weston (*Middlesex Co.*).
- District 15 Tommy Vitolo (D) of Brookline Brookline: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

- District 1 Mathew J. Muratore (R) of Plymouth Plymouth: *Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15.*
- District 2 Susan Williams Gifford (R) of Wareham Carver; Middleborough: *Precincts 3, 6*; Wareham.
- District 3 Joan Meschino (D) of Hull Hingham: *Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6*; Hull; Scituate: *Precinct 3*; Cohasset (*Norfolk Co.*).
- District 4 Patrick Joseph Kearney (D) of Scituate Marshfield; Scituate: *Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6*
- District 5 David F. DeCoste (R) of Norwell Hanover; Norwell; Rockland.
- District 6 Josh S. Cutler (D) of Pembroke Duxbury: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Hanson; Pembroke.
- District 7 Alyson M. Sullivan (R) of Abington Abington; East Bridgewater: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; Whitman.
- District 8 Angelo L. D'Emilia (R) of Bridgewater Bridgewater; Raynham (Bristol Co.).
- District 9 Gerard J. Cassidy (D) of Brockton Brockton: Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 4: Precincts A, D, Ward 5: Precinct A, Ward 7: Precincts A, B.
- District 10 Michelle M. DuBois (D) of Brockton Brockton: Ward 4: Precincts B, C, Ward 5: Precincts B, C, D, Ward 6; East Bridgewater: Precinct 1; West Bridgewater.
- District 11 Claire D. Cronin (D) of Easton Brockton: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precinct D, Ward 7: Precincts C, D; Easton: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (Bristol Co.)
- District 12 Kathleen R. LaNatra (D) of Kingston Duxbury: *Precinct 1*; Halifax; Kingston; Middleborough: *Precinct 1*; Plymouth: *Precincts 1*, 11, 13; Plympton.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

- District 1 Adrian C. Madaro (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
- District 2 Daniel J. Ryan (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 2; Chelsea: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 4.
- District 3 Aaron Michlewitz (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 1.
- District 4 David Biele (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 1: Precinct 15, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Ward 13: Precinct 3.
- District 5 Liz Miranda (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 7: Precinct 10, Ward 8: Precincts 5, 6, 7, Ward 12: Precinct 6, Ward 13: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, Ward 14: Precinct 1, Ward 15: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, Ward 17: Precincts 1, 2.

- District 6 Russell E. Holmes (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 14: Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 17: Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9, Ward 18: Precincts 7, 8, Ward 19: Precinct 12.
- District 7 Chynah Tyler (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 8, 9, 10, Ward 5: Sub-precinct 2A, Ward 9: Precincts 4, 5, Ward 12: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, Ward 21: Precinct 1.
- District 8 Jay D. Livingstone (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 3: Precinct 5, Ward 4: Precinct 6, Ward 5: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11; Cambridge: Ward 2: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5 (Middlesex Co.).
- District 9 Jon Santiago (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 2, 4, 5, 7, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 10, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4; Ward 9: Precincts 1, 2, 3.
- District 10 Edward F. Coppinger (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 20: Precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20; Brookline: Precincts 14, 15, 16 (Norfolk Co.).
- District 11 Elizabeth A. Malia (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 11, Ward 12: Precincts 7, 9, Ward 14: Precinct 3, Ward 19: Precincts 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13.
- District 12 Brandy Fluker Oakley (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 16: Precincts 8, 11, Ward 17: Precincts 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 18: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21; Milton: Precincts 1, 2 (Norfolk Co.).
- District 13 Daniel J. Hunt (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 7: Precinct 9, Ward 13: Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Ward 15: Precinct 6, Ward 16: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, Ward 17: Precincts 3, 5; Quincy: Ward 3: Precinct 3 (Norfolk Co.).
- District 14 Rob Consalvo (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 18: Precincts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, Ward 20: Precincts 3, 8, 9.
- District 15 Nika C. Elugardo (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 10, Ward 19: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, Ward 20: Precincts 2, 4; Brookline: Precinct 5 (Norfolk Co.).
- District 16 Jessica Ann Giannino (D) of Revere Chelsea: Ward 3: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3; Revere: Ward 1: Precinct 3, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 6; Saugus: Precincts 3, 10 (Essex Co.).
- District 17 Kevin G. Honan (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, Ward 22: Precincts 2, 3, 6, 9, 10.
- District 18 Michael J. Moran (D) of Boston Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, Ward 22: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13; Brookline: Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.).
- District 19 Robert A. DeLeo (D) of Winthrop Revere: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3; Winthrop. 1

WORCESTER COUNTY.

- District 1 Kimberly N. Ferguson (R) of Holden Holden; Paxton, Princeton; Rutland; Sterling: *Precinct 1*; Westminster: *Precinct 2*.
- District 2 Jonathan D. Zlotnik (D) of Gardner Ashburnham; Gardner; Winchendon; Westminster: *Precinct 1*.
- District 3 Michael Kushmerek (D) of Fitchburg Fitchburg; Lunenburg: Precinct B.
- District 4 Natalie M. Higgins (D) of Leominster Leominster.
- District 5 Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R) of Spencer Barre; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Hubbardston; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Oakham; Spencer: *Precincts 2, 3, 4*; West Brookfield; Ware: *Precinct A (Hampshire Co.)*.

District 6 — Peter J. Durant (R) of Spencer — Charlton: *Precincts 1, 2, 3*; Dudley; Southbridge; Spencer: *Precinct 1*.

District 7 — Paul K. Frost (R) of Auburn — Auburn; Charlton: *Precinct 4*; Millbury; Oxford: *Precincts 2, 3*.

District 8 — Michael J. Soter (R) of Bellingham — Blackstone; Millville; Uxbridge; Bellingham (Norfolk Co.).

District 9 — David K. Muradian, Jr. (R) of Grafton — Grafton; Northbridge; Upton.

District 10 — Brian W. Murray (D) of Milford — Hopedale; Mendon; Milford; Medway: Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.).

District 11 — Hannah Kane (R) of Shrewsbury — Shrewsbury; Westborough: Precincts 4, 5.

District 12 — Meghan Kilcoyne (D) of Northborough — Berlin; Boylston; Clinton; Lancaster; Northborough: *Precincts* 2, 4; Sterling: *Precinct* 2.

District 13 — John J. Mahoney (D) of Worcester — Worcester: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 1.

District 14 — James J. O'Day (D) of West Boylston — West Boylston; Worcester: Ward 1: Precinct 5, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 3, 5.

District 15 — Mary S. Keefe (D) of Worcester — Worcester: Ward 3: Precinct 4, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 3, Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

District 16 — Daniel M. Donahue (D) of Worcester — Worcester: Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, Ward 6, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 5.

District 17 — David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (D) of Worcester — Leicester; Worcester: Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 2, 3, 4.

District 18 — Joseph D. McKenna (R) of Webster — Douglas; Oxford: *Precincts 1, 4*; Sutton; Webster.

The report was read; and, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moran of Boston, it was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Oaths and Affirmation.

His Excellency the Governor, Charles E. Baker, accompanied by the Honorable Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, and the Honorable Council entered the Chamber; the oaths and affirmation required by the Constitution and laws then were administered by the Governor to the members-elect present, and were subscribed by them; after which His Excellency declared that the House was duly qualified to enter upon the discharge of its duties.

Oaths of office administered by the Governor.

Organization of the House.

On motion of Mr. Wagner of Chicopee,—

Ordered, That the House proceed to the election of a Speaker and that the election be held in the following manner: The roll shall be called by the Clerk by Division, and each Division Monitor shall report to the Clerk how each member participating remotely in their portion of the division responds to their name by announcing the name of the member for whom the member participating remotely

Election of Speaker.

votes; provided, however, that members physically present in the Chamber may respond when their name is called by the Clerk with the name of the member for whom they vote; and provided further that the Clerk shall repeat the name of the member voting and the name of the member for whom that member votes.

The roll was called; and the following named members voted for Ronald Mariano of Quincy:

Arciero, James Kerans, Sally P.
Ashe, Brian M. Khan, Kay
Ayers, Bruce J. Kilcoyne, Meghan
Balser, Ruth B. Kushmerek, Michael
Barber, Christine P. LaNatra, Kathleen R.
Barrett, John, III Lawn, John J., Jr.

Biele, David LeBoeuf, David Henry Argosky

Blais, Natalie M. Lewis, Jack Patrick Cabral, Antonio F. D. Linsky, David Paul Cahill, Daniel Lipper-Garabedian, Kate Campbell, Linda Dean Livingstone, Jay D. Capano, Peter Madaro, Adrian C. Carey, Daniel R. Mahoney, John J. Cassidy, Gerard J. Malia, Elizabeth A. Chan, Tackey Mariano, Ronald Mark, Paul W. Ciccolo, Michelle

Connolly, Mike Markey, Christopher M.
Consalvo, Rob McGonagle, Joseph W., Jr.

Coppinger, Edward F. McMurtry, Paul
Cronin, Claire D. Meschino, Joan
Cusack, Mark J. Michlewitz, Aaron
Cutler, Josh S. Minicucci, Christina A.

Day, Michael S. Miranda, Liz Decker, Marjorie C. Mom, Rady Devers, Marcos A. Moran, Frank A. Diggs, Kip Moran, Michael J. Doherty, Carol A. Murphy, James M. Murray, Brian W. Domb, Mindy Nguyen, Tram T. Donahue, Daniel M. Donato, Paul J. O'Day, James J. Driscoll, William J., Jr. Oliveira, Jacob R. DuBois, Michelle M. Owens, Steven Duffy, Patricia A. Parisella, Jerald A. Dykema, Carolyn C. Peake, Sarah K. Ehrlich, Lori A. Peisch, Alice Hanlon Elugardo, Nika C. Philips, Edward R. Farley-Bouvier, Tricia Pignatelli, Smitty

Fernandes, Dylan A.
Puppolo, Angelo J., Jr.
Ferrante, Ann-Margaret
Ramos, Orlando
Finn, Michael J.
Robertson, David Allen
Fiola, Carole A.
Robinson, Maria Duamie
Fluker Oakley, Brandy
Rogers, David M.
Galvin, William C.
Rogers, John H.

Galvin, William C.
Garballey, Sean
Garlick, Denise C.
Garry, Colleen M.
Gentile, Carmine Lawrence
Rogers, John H.
Roy, Jeffrey N.
Ryan, Daniel J.
Sabadosa, Lindsay N.
Santiago, Jon

Giannino, Jessica Ann Scanlon, Adam J. Golden, Thomas A., Jr. Schmid, Paul A., III González, Carlos Sena, Danillo A. Gordon, Kenneth I. Silvia, Alan Gregioire, Danielle W. Stanley, Thomas M. Haddad, Patricia A. Straus, William M. Haggerty, Richard M. Tucker, Paul F. Hawkins, James K. Tyler, Chynah

Hendricks, Christopher
Higgins, Natalie M.
Hogan, Kate
Holmes, Russell E.
Honan, Kevin G.
Howard, Vanna
Hunt, Daniel J.
Kearney, Patrick Joseph
Keefe, Mary S.

Ultrino, Steven Vargas, Andres X. Vitolo, Tommy Wagner, Joseph F. Walsh, Thomas P. Whipps, Susannah M. Williams, Bud L. Zlotnik, Jonathan D.

The following named members voted for Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading:

Barrows, F. Jay

Berthiaume, Donald R., Jr.

Boldyga, Nicholas A.

DeCoste, David F.

D'Emilia, Angelo L.

Dooley, Shawn

Durant Peter I.

Kelcourse, James M.

Lombardo, Marc T.

McKenna, Joseph D.

Mirra, Lenny

Muradian, David K., Jr.

Dorall Norman I.

Muratore, Mathew J. Durant, Peter J. Orrall, Norman J. Ferguson, Kimberly N. Pease, Kelly W. Frost, Paul K. Smola, Todd M. Gifford, Susan Williams Soter, Michael J. Harrington, Sheila C. Sullivan, Alyson M. Hill. Bradford Vieira, David T. Howitt, Steven S. Whelan, Timothy R. Jones, Bradley H., Jr. Wong, Donald H. Xiarhos, Steven George Kane, Hannah

The following named members answered "Present" in response to their names:

Gouveia, Tami L. Uyterhoeven, Erika

The Chair announced the result of the vote as follows:

Whole number of votes	157
Necessary for a choice	79
Ronald Mariano of Quincy had	
Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading had	

And Mr. Mariano was declared elected.

On motion of Ms. Peake of Provincetown,—

Ordered, That, a committee consisting of fourteen members be appointed to escort Speaker Mariano of Quincy to the Chamber, under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

There being no objection, the presiding officer (Mr. Honan) then appointed Representatives Moran of Boston, Michlewitz of Boston, Wagner of Chicopee, Golden of Lowell, Cronin of Easton, González of Springfield, Peake of Provincetown, Donato of Medford, Cusack of Braintree, Jones of North Reading, Kane of Shrewsbury, Frost of Auburn, Miranda of Boston, Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, Mahoney of Worcester, Hunt of Boston and Cabral of New Bedford to the committee.

Speaker Mariano of Quincy escorted to the Chamber by a special committee. Soon thereafter Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee, reported that they had completed their assignment, whereupon the Speaker entered the Chamber under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Remarks of Speaker Mariano of Quincy.

Speaker Mariano, now in the Chair, made remarks to the members, guests, employees, and to the citizens of the Commonwealth, and, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the remarks were spread upon records of the House, as follows:—

Last week, when I addressed this body for the first time as Speaker, I recognized the careers and contributions of 16 departing Members of the House. Today, I welcome a new class of State Representatives sent to this historic chamber to advocate for their communities.

Just as last week, today's swearing-in looks very different from the House's traditional ceremony. A small consequence of the current public health crisis. But we've made every effort to ensure that the incoming class can be physically present for this milestone moment.

I remember thinking when I was first sworn in of the long journey it took for me to arrive here from Quincy Point. Not in terms of physical distance, but of social and generational progress.

The shipyards and heavy industry of the Fore River Basin have for generations attracted immigrants seeking new opportunities in America. From my grandfather's Italy, to today's newcomers from across Asia. Quincy Point is the home of immigrants. And it's one of the environmental justice communities the House voted to protect and empower in climate legislation passed Monday.

Our diversity is our strength and it is celebrated. My district speaks many languages. My constituents worship at churches, mosques, and Buddhist temples found throughout our neighborhood.

In short, I grew up and live in a place that looks a lot like Massachusetts and America as a whole.

Each session we get closer and closer to a body that is more representative of all the people of Massachusetts. I'm proud to see that progress continue with this incoming class of State Representatives. And I pledge that my leadership team will reflect the growing diversity of this body.

That representation matters as we continue to respond to this pandemic and build our recovery.

The Legislature's task is to make large-scale decisions touching every aspect of our society. We see through a wide lens and act with a long-term vision. We make difficult decisions on how to allocate limited resources—both in time and in dollars.

Our job is a deliberative one. It's a balancing act that makes each of our voices important. And it's why open dialogue and relationships are so critical to our work here.

And we have a lot of work ahead of us. As I said last week, we find ourselves in a moment of reckoning. And before we can build a stronger Massachusetts after this pandemic, we must first meet the basic needs of each resident during this time of crisis.

Our ongoing task is to monitor and support the state's vaccine distribution plan, which is now being implemented after rigorous analysis and input from the public health community. We must ensure that our constituents have confidence in the vaccine and that it is distributed equitably.

Remarks of the Speaker.

We must ensure that our small businesses, especially our restaurants, are getting enough support to weather these hard times.

We must make sure that people who are out of work are given the benefits they're need, and that the unemployment rate isn't worsened by crushing labor costs on employers. People out of work need our help and support now

Our strong eviction and foreclosure moratorium expired after a federal judge suggested extending it would be unconstitutional. We have to make sure our eviction diversion program is doing enough to keep people in their homes.

We must support teachers, students, and their families during remote learning. And we need to get students back into the classroom, but when they do, we need to make sure they are prepared and at grade-level.

These are some of the challenges that we now face together in the House of Representatives, and with our partners in the Senate, in this 192nd Session of the General Court. Challenges are not new, and we've faced many over our long history. But our task is to meet the difficult ones we face today. And I know we are up to that task.

Thank you.

Remarks of Representative Jones of North Reading.

There being no objection, remarks of Mr. Jones of North Reading were spread upon records of the House, as follows:—

Today marks the beginning of the 192nd Biennial session of the Great and General Court, and a continuation of a longstanding tradition of public service to the Commonwealth that dates back hundreds of years.

As members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, each of us brings our own unique and different experiences and perspectives to this chamber. The districts we represent reflect the diversity of our Commonwealth, from large cities to the suburbs to our rural communities. Our personal priorities as individuals will be shaped and guided by the needs of the people we represent. What a tremendous asset to have so many diverse viewpoints working together in the coming session. Our varying backgrounds and the uniqueness of our districts can only strengthen our collective efforts to serve the residents of the Commonwealth during the next two years. Our very diversity is, in fact, one of the Commonwealth's greatest strengths.

Under normal circumstances, we would all be gathered today in the historic House Chamber, surrounded by our families, friends, and distinguished guests as we take our oaths of office. However, we are all required to following the guidelines and practice safe social distancing, so we embrace the uniqueness of this Swearing in Ceremony as we know that it is paramount to be vigilant.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has completely disrupted all aspects of our lives, creating many challenges that we must continue to address in the coming months.

I commend and applaud my colleagues for their leadership and strength shown during these unprecedented times. The citizens of our districts have needed us more now than ever before to help them navigate these challenges. We have been forced to spend far less time on Beacon Hill and have had the opportunity to be available locally to lend support, encouragement and even sympathy. Sadly, we have all lost valued members of our districts and the sadness each community has had to endure is unimaginable. I am confident that we as a Commonwealth will find the strength to continue moving forward and that a brighter future is ahead.

Remarks of the Minority Leader.

I know that the House of Representatives is up to the many challenges that we face.

For much of the 2020 calendar year, our focus has been on delivering relief to families, municipalities and businesses that have been struggling with the extraordinary economic fallout and public health crisis created by the pandemic. That is something we will continue to focus on in the year ahead, as we are hopeful that we will soon be able to return to a more normal way of life.

I would like to thank the residents of the Twentieth Middlesex District for once again placing their trust in me and giving me the opportunity to continue serving them over the next two years. I am honored to represent the citizens of Lynnfield, Middleton, Reading, and North Reading, and I look forward to continuing to work on their behalf during the new legislative session.

Whether you are a new or returning member, there are many people deserving of our thanks for helping to make this day possible. Not only are we thankful for the voters who elected us, but we are also thankful for the many friends and family members who supported us during the 2020 election.

Our families and friends are constantly called upon to make many personal sacrifices so that we can have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Massachusetts. Their unwavering commitment and support for us is truly inspiring, and should serve as a constant reminder that we must always be responsive to our constituents and their needs.

While we may sometimes find ourselves on the receiving end of a negative email or social media post, our families are the one constant source of support we can all count on, finding ways to inspire us even under the toughest of circumstances. My wife, Linda, has stood by me for over 21 years, helping to keep me grounded and providing me with her unwavering love and support.

I am also blessed to have two wonderful children, Alexis and Nicholas, who never fail to lift my spirits and brighten my day with their unconditional love. As busy as our lives can sometimes get, we must always make time and take time for our families. This pandemic has vividly shown us that we must embrace each day and focus on the positive.

Thank you to my Republican colleagues for electing me this morning to continue serving as Minority Leader. I am also excited to welcome the two newest members of our Republican Caucus who were sworn in today.

The Gentleman from Westfield, the Whip City, is no stranger to public service. He previously served as an aide to former Senator Donald Humason, and also served his country for 20 years in the U.S. Army.

The Gentleman from West Barnstable is also a dedicated public servant. He spent 40 years as a member of the Yarmouth Police Department, and recently retired as the department's Deputy Police Chief before beginning his new chapter of public service.

To the two newest members of the Republican Caucus, and to all the incoming freshman Democrats, congratulations on joining what is truly a remarkable institution. The next two years will prove to be both rewarding and challenging, if you remain true to yourself and to your constituents. To my returning colleagues, welcome back and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the upcoming session.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations on your election as the newest Leader of this historic institution. I wish you well in your new role, and hope that we can find common ground in the year ahead to ensure that the critical needs of the residents of the Commonwealth are addressed.

When we began the 2019-2020 legislative session, no one could have imagined that we would be facing a global pandemic and forced to conduct much of our work remotely. But even as we have modified the way we do business, one thing has not changed, and that is making sure state government continues to provide needed services to all of our citizens.

The path ahead will not be an easy one, but we must not lose sight of the need to practice fiscal responsibility, rebuild our rainy day fund, fortify and rebuild our economy, and provide new economic opportunities for every corner of our Commonwealth.

The ink is barely dry on the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and Governor Baker will be filing his Fiscal Year 2022 budget proposal in short order, beginning the process all over again. The challenge that awaits us is finding a way to fund needed services and programs without placing an even greater financial burden on our citizens. It is a delicate balancing act and one we must undertake with the utmost care on behalf of the state's taxpayers.

As we make our way through the new legislative session, it is inevitable that we will not be able to achieve consensus on every issue. At times, we will also find ourselves at odds with our Senate counterparts and may discover our differences on key policy issues to be irreconcilable.

Democracy can be messy at times, but at the end of the day, we should all work together to find common ground. It will often require a significant investment of time and effort to reach an agreement, and we may fall short at times, but we must always remember to uphold our oath of office and do everything we can to best serve our constituents and the Commonwealth as a whole.

The members of the Republican Caucus are ready to get to work doing the people's business. We look forward to working with the members of the majority party, with our colleagues in the Senate, and with Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito to enact legislation that will continue to move Massachusetts forward.

Our Commonwealth is steeped in history and tradition. Working together, we can ensure that Massachusetts remains a national leader and a source of inspiration for the rest of the country.

May God bless you and may God bless the residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Wagner of Chicopee then moved that the House proceed to the election of a Clerk, that the election be by acclamation, and that Steven T. James of Swampscott be so elected Clerk of the House.

The motion unanimously prevailed; Mr. James was elected by acclamation; and the declaration thereof was made by the Speaker.

The Clerk then qualified by taking the following oath, administered by the Speaker:

Whereas, You, Steven T. James, are chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives of the General Court of Massachusetts, you do swear that you will truly enter all votes and orders thereof, and that, in all things relating to your office, you will act faithfully and impartially, according to your best skill and judgment. So help you God.

A communication from the Clerk, announcing that he had appointed Timothy Carroll of Hull, Assistant Clerk of the House, and Elizabeth M. Thompson of Clinton, Second Assistant Clerk of the House, was read; and the communication was placed on file.

Election of Clerk.

Assistant Clerks appointed.

Notice of Organization of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that that branch had been organized by the election of Karen E. Spilka of Ashland as President and Michael Hurley of Boston as Clerk.

Notice of organization of the Senate.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Donato of Medford,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Senate notified of organization of the House.

On motion of Mr. Wagner of Chicopee,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to inform His Excellency the Governor and the Council that the House of Representatives has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Governor and Council notified of organization of the House.

On motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading,—

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the keeping of, and making available daily in a format determined by the Speaker in consultation with the Clerk of the House, as authorized by House Rule 10, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with; that, under authority of Section 22A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, copies of the Journals for the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that an attested bound copy be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official Journal of the House.

Journal of the House.

On motion of Mr. González of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the joint Rules of the 191st General Court shall be the temporary joint rules of the 192nd General Court; provided, however, that in regards to Joint Rule 12, the rule shall be amended, in Joint Rule 12, in line 511, by striking out the words "third Friday in January" and inserting in place thereof the words "third Friday in February".

Temporary Joint Rules.

On motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 191st General Court be observed, so far as applicable, until rules shall be adopted by the present House.

Temporary House Rules.

On motion of Ms. Miranda of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Emergency Rules of the House of Representatives for the 191st General Court be observed, so far as applicable, until emergency rules shall be adopted by the present House.

Emergency House Rules.

On motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn,—

Ordered, That a convention of the two Houses be held at twelve o'clock noon on Thursday, January 7, 2021 for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the several Councillors-elect.

Convention of the two branches.

On motion of Mr. Mahoney of Worcester,— <i>Ordered</i> , That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon.	Next sitting.
At five minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn, the House adjourned, to meet the following day at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon.	
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